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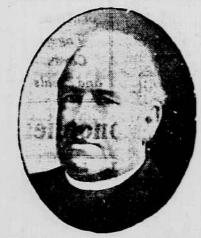
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> REQUEST FOR TESTIMONY PRESSED BY MR. HOBSON

House Committee Continues Inquiry, Receiving Statements of Commander Stirling Regarding Submarines.

possible witness before the House naval committee in its discussion of the preparedness of national defenses. At today's session Representative Hobson pressed Chairman Padgett to call the former President, and after some discussion the question was left to be decided an executive session of the committee "Why invite him?" demanded Repreentative Butler.

"He's been assistant secretary of the ness been assistant secretary of the navy and Fresident, a commander-in-chief, and has been in a position to know the facts about national defense," returned Mr. Hobson, who protested that his suggestion was being treated "cavalierly."

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Committee Hears Naval Officer.

With that, the committee turned to the examination of Commander Stir-ing, who testified there were eighteen abmarines in the Atlantic fleet. Commander Stirling said that of the Commander Stirling said that of the eighteen submarines, one is out of commission and not attached to the Atlantic fleet. There are five in the Canal Zone, whose condition is good. They have an old sailing ship in Panama as a tender to the submarines, he said, and this tender is inadequate and unsuitable, and a tug has been sent down from Charleston to tow it around.

The tornedoes used in the first divis-

The torpedoes used in the first division are of an old type and unsuitable, but the bureau of ordnance has a new type that will fit into the tubes perfectly.

The smaller type of submarines, he said, go 200 miles out to sea and 200 miles back.

"Are the smaller type as effective as the larger submarines for coast de-lense?" he was asked.
"I don't believe in coast defense. If a hostile fleet came near the American a nostile neet came near the American coast some submarines or some torpedo boats probably would be able to use them and drive the fleet further away, but I do not see why a fleet should come to our coast. A fleet will not try to bombard our cities until they annihilate our fleet. They would not bombard the cities even if the submarines were not there not unless the marines were not there, not unless the fleet is destroyed."

Other Nations More Advanced. "Are we as well advanced as other na-tions in submarines." Commander

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## down we have as good a submarine as any other nation—submarines that are as durable, as far as I know," He said tenders were important. That the United States government expected hostile action from Japan in May, 1913, and that preparations for a two-year siege were made at Corrigider Island, in the Philippines, was stated by Representative Hobson in the course of the hearing before the naval affairs committee of the House yesterday. COL. GOETHALS AWAITED

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The statement was made in a col-loguy with Capt. Winterhalter, aid for material, who accompanied Secretary Daniels to the hearing. Mr. Hobson Makes Disclosure. The naval officer was inclined to be facetious over Representative Hobson's vision of oncoming war, and the Alabama representative said:
"In May and for some months of last year, 1913," said Mr. Hobson, "our gunners at Corregidor Island stood at their guns night and day, with plans for a two-year siege. The harbors were mined. Troops from all over the islands were brought into Corregidor, and everything prepared for a siege, except that there was no transfer of the government from Manila. It didn't take any vision to see that."

Mr. Hobson did not go into details as to the cause of these preparations, and Capt. Winterhalter apparently was not inclined to discuss the subject. The naval officer was inclined to be

neutrality of the canal. Myron T. Herrick, until recently American ambassador to France, vis-ited the State Department today to pay his respects and report to the officials there on the work he had done in Paris.

May Issue Warning.

If belligerent ships are using wireless within the three-mile limit, administration officials think a warning

MORE INFORMATION FROM

President Discusses Request for De-

More information is being awaited before President Wilson decides whether the request of Gov. Goethals for destroyers to enforce neutrality at Panama shall be granted. Suggestions of differences between Secretaries Garrison. Danies and Bryan over the question were met by President Wilson with the state ment that there could be no real differ-ence, since he would finally decide. The President discussed the situa tion with the cabinet, and generally considered measures for protecting the

Officials described as absurd reports that Col. Goethals' request would be denied. They declared action was being delayed only pending a fuller discussion of the needs of the situation. There has been some doubt in the minds of officials as to just what sort of a patrol would be necessary.

world where Portugal may be called to take up arms either in defense of he would be adequate. Delays in passing

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he participation of the country in the war in Europe or other parts of the

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through the canal, they think, Col. Goethals already is prepared to handle. As no question of clearance papers arises at the canal, officials here do not see of what use destroyers can be unless for dispatch purposes.

If they are sent, they will probably be given the mission of keeping all colliers or warships from lingering within the three-mile limit.

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